

HPSCI

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Larry Gershwin, NIO/SP

FROM : [] DDI/Congressional Support

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SUBJECT : HPSCI Briefing on Soviet Nuclear Options

1. We are having an impossible time negotiating with HPSCI for a timing other than Wednesday, March 9th for the briefing they have requested on Soviet nuclear options. HPSCI Chairman Edward Boland is also second ranking majority member on House Appropriations and reportedly swamped with budget hearings, leaving no flexibility in rescheduling the CIA briefing.

2. Our Office of External Affairs believes we have no option but to meet the March 9th appointment. Furthermore, HPSCI Staff Director Tom Latimer and Chief Counsel Mike O'Neil insist on a pre-brief discussion with you--or your designee--on the outlines of the briefing. They will come to headquarters either tomorrow morning, March 4, or anytime you are available on Monday, March 7.

3. If this is an absolutely impossible situation for you because of your NIE commitments, could you assign one of your assistants or should we try to reenlist SOVA? You may recall that [] felt this was a job for the NIC.

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4. Please give me a call []

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